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1. LOCAL PRESS JULY 8 PROMINENTLY CARRIED ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISIT OF CHILEAN TRADE MISSION SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE JULY 9. THE CHILEAN MISSION HEADED BY UNDERSECRETARY OF ECONOMY GASTON FREZ WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE PARAGUAYAN-CHILEAN MIXED CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION WHICH WILL BEGIN ITS MEETINGS JULY 9 IN ASUNCION.

2. ON THE EVE OF THE CHILEAN MISSION'S ARRIVAL,
PARAGUAYAN GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE INDUSTRY REPRESENTATITIVES
MET TO ORGANIZE A PARAGUAYAN-CHILEAN CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING TRADE BETWEEN
THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE PRESENT TRADE BALANCE IS
HEAVILY IN FAVOR OF PARAGUAY. TOTAL TRADE BETWEEN THE
TWO COUNTRIES IS RELATIVELY INSIGNIFICANT AMOUNTING TO
APPROXIMATELY ONE MILLION DOLLARS PER YEARAM

3. THE MIXED CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION'S AGENDA INCLUDES A DISCUSSION OF MEANS TO INCREASE BI-UNCLASSIFIED

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LATERAL TRADE (CHILEAN COPPER, PARAGUAYAN LUMBER

AND MEAT) WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED FROM ARGENTINE RESTRICTIONS APPLIED DURING OVERLAND TRANSSHIPMENT OF MERCHANDISE FROM PARAGUAY TO CHILE AND VICE VERSA. THE CHILEAN GROUP IS ALSO SCHEDULED TO VISIT THE INTERIOR OF THE COUNTRY INCLUDING THE ALTO PARANA REGION AND THE SITE OF THE ITAIPU HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT. LANDAU

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